

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “Crime Victims’ Week”

WHEREAS, we as a Nation recognize crime victims’ suffering, struggles and loss, and value them as our family members and friends, neighbors and co-workers who have been harmed by crime; and

WHEREAS, we as individuals and communities value core rights for crime victims that allow them to participate in justice processes with rights to information, protection, restitution, and to be heard; and

WHEREAS, we value the critical assistance and services that provide for crime victims’ basic needs, such as fair treatment, dignity, respect and information, and the life essentials, such as safe housing, food, support for their children, transportation, counseling and medical services; and

WHEREAS, we value those among us who work on behalf of crime victims to not only improve rights, services and treatment of victims of crime, but to also build a better and more just community and country; and

WHEREAS, we value our right to be free from violence, to be safe in our homes and to live in peace in our communities; and

WHEREAS, America as a Nation values liberty and justice for all, including efforts to protect, enhance and expand crime victims’ rights and services; and

WHEREAS, America has joined together annually for the past 24 years to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims’ rights and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18 to 24, 2004, to be “CRIME VICTIMS’ WEEK” in Augusta, Georgia, and honor crime victims and those who serve them during this week and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 18th day of April 2004.

Mayor